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East Timor

At the 1985 session of the UN Commission on Human Rights it was decided that the question of human rights violations in East Timor would no longer be considered under 1503 procedure.

A number of NGOs are concerned that the violations in East Timor are continuing and that the UN is in danger of dropping the issue altogether. We realise that this coming session of the Sub-Commission is crucial, and that unless a resolution is adopted on East Timor the international community will forget and the violations will continue.

Amnesty International has recently published ISBN 0 86210 085 2, a report on human rights violations in East Timor. Other NGOs also have new evidence which they will present to the Sub-Commission.

We are writing to you and other members of the Sub-Commission who voted in favour of the East Timor resolution last year, in order to consider the best tactics for this year.

A resolution will have to be carefully worded if it is to pass, since even a request that the Commission consider East Timor will probably be opposed. We thought that a small meeting fairly early on in the Sub-Commission would help to coordinate our action, inviting NGOs, yourselves and the Secretariat.

It may be impractical to organise a meeting but if you would find it helpful we will gladly arrange one, probably at lunchtime.

We hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to seeing you at the Sub-Commission.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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